

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 284 - HB 440**

March 12, 2015

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Specifies that the reimbursement process of health insurance entities to physicians for rendered services during the period while the physician's credentialing application is pending must be the same as the procedures for reimbursing physicians employed by federally qualified health centers pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 56-7-1014.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Division of Health Care Finance and Administration (HCFA), the provisions of the bill do not alter the current process of the managed care organizations contracted with TennCare and CoverKids because they follow the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) process which is allowed.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Finance and Administration, Division of Benefits Administration, the provisions of the bill will not significantly alter the credentialing process of the plans administered by the division.
- The Department of Commerce and Insurance will enforce the provisions of the bill through any complaint submitted and subsequent investigation. The number of complaints resulting from the bill will not be substantial; therefore, the fiscal impact is not significant.

**IMPACT TO COMMERCE:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- The provisions of the bill could impact the reimbursements received by physicians from health insurance entities.
- While the exact impact is unknown, any positive impact realized by physicians will result in the opposite impact by health insurance entities; therefore, the net fiscal impact to business in the state is estimated to be not significant.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'J' and 'S'.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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